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DRAFT ITEM FOR NEXT DIRECTOR'S NOTES

UPDATE ON COMMUNITY REORGANIZATION

The actual study effort looking into possible alternatives for making the Intelligence Community more efficient and effective is about completed. This means that it will now go to the National Security Council for debate and discussion. The study presents a wide range of options. It is too early to discuss these in detail. I can say that they primarily address issues concerning the Intelligence Community and my responsibilities as Director of the Community. A key issue is whether the authority of the DCI should be strengthened in any way. Since my authority over the CIA is already complete by virtue of my being Director of the CIA also, the proposed changes are least likely to impact on the CIA. There is, of course, consideration being given to divorcing the two jobs of DCI and Director of the CIA. This, however, has already been done in part through Executive Order 11905 which specified that the Director of CIA should delegate as much as possible the running of the CIA to the DDCI. If the two jobs were to be divorced in the future (and there is no decision that they will be), I would simply envisage that the DDCI would become the Director of the CIA reporting to the Director of Central Intelligence. For all intents and purposes, there would be very little perceived difference here.

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See 8 June*

Since I continue to hear some apprehension about the prospects for change as a result of these studies, I want again to reassure all of our employees that I believe the studies reinforce the importance of the component activities in the CIA to our Intelligence Community and our country.

NAVAL OFFICERS IN THE OFFICE OF THE DCI

Since there have been continuing stories in the press that I am completely surrounded by an impenetrable wall of Naval officers, I would like to make sure everyone has the exact facts.

I elected to bring with me three officers who had been serving on my personal staff in Naples: an Executive Assistant, a Special Assistant for speechwriting, and an officer for arranging the daily schedules (in fact, this position was in the process of turnover and two officers came with me, but one is leaving for his new assignment shortly).

I intend that these three officers continue in the Office of the Director; they have been supplemented by another Executive Assistant from the CIA professional staff and another scheduling officer from the CIA staff.

Six Naval officers on normal rotational assignment to the Agency were scheduled to depart on rotation this summer. I asked the Navy to assign six particular officers whom I knew to have special abilities in our area. Four of these officers are presently here, with one

assigned to the Intelligence Community, two assigned to the National Intelligence Officers, and one to the Intelligence Directorate. None of them work in the Office of the Director.

My son, Lieutenant Geoffrey Turner, is an intelligence sub-specialist career officer in the Navy. He was on duty in the Washington area and awaiting transfer to the Naval Intelligence School in California. He has been assigned to the NIO office at my request for a four-month period while waiting to depart for his schooling. He is not displacing anyone else since he is filling an empty slot for a Naval officer who will not arrive until later this summer. He has not been added to the payroll as he is a member of the United States Navy.

PROJECT OUTREACH

I'm very grateful to all the Agency employees who cooperated so successfully with CBS in their filming for "Sixty Minutes." Dan Rather and his crew were very high in praise of the spirit of cooperation which they had while here. In turn, CBS was very considerate of our requirements for security and we are confident that security has not been breached by this filming. We hope the show will be viewed in late June, and we'll keep you posted.

There was an unfortunate leak in the plan I asked to have explored about arranging for a limited amount of public visiting sponsored by Members of Congress. As a result of this, we have been besieged by questions from the press and Herb Hetu has responded with the facts as they presently stand: our plans are not firm; the details of how this might be worked out have yet to be recognized and presented to

me for a decision; and that some of the wild specific facts mentioned, such as 6000 visitors a day, are totally beyond any possibility of consideration. We are looking very seriously at this additional means of reaching out to the public. I believe that our previous steps in declassifying publications which could be declassified without harm, and in responding to media inquiries more forthrightly and permitting CBS to film have met with good response. I believe they help to reassure the general public that our activities are supporting our country well in a way that deserve public approbation, as they do. Before we settle on any further steps, such as public visiting, the security aspects and the inconvenience to all of us will be very carefully weighed.